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**CIVIL WAR LETTERS FROM
WILLIAM WALTER,
FIRST INDIANA CAVALRY**

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Camp Carrington Nov 3/62
John Walter Dear Brother

We are still in Camp here
& likely to remain for sometime
we have left Camp of Reynolds
& moved to this one, they are only
a bout 1/2 mile apart.

I got a long very well, on the
we have not yet drawn our pay but
are looking for it every day
as soon as I get it I shall

Express it to you, write soon &
give me the particulars &c

I will write if any change takes place
Direct to yours &c William Walter
Camp Carrington

Indianapolis Ind

In care of Captain Ammons
of Co M, 5th Cav 90 Reg of Ind, Vol



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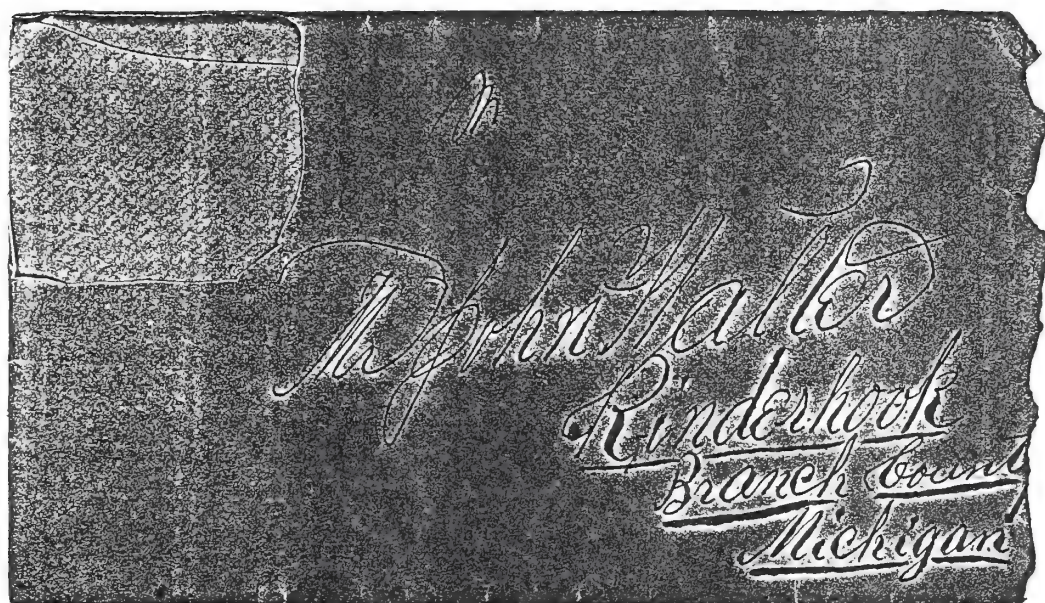
John Walter Dear Brother I Came here this morning & should have come & seen you but I expected to start back at 11 o'clock this forenoon but after waiting til that time I found that the Train would not go til 4-3 P.M. thus you see that if I ad some it in the morning I could have got there & back by taking the Dublin quick, But as I ad not had time to see it was this Charles Stafford of ~~the~~ the Leam Leake (Steuben Co) who taken sick & I was detailed to take care of him & after two weeks labor I got him a furlow for him & who went with him to this place & have got him a conveyance & sent him on home & I have got to start back in order to join my Regiment because it is about to leave & my furlow runs out to night I must the Train on Saturday night & the result was that I ad to stay in White Pigeon over Sunday & that cost me out of my Private for this time, But a note of this I got your letter on Friday last & also one from Jacob Wolfboath stating that the money I sent to you ad arrived safe &c - (so much for that) I am afraid a brief not Rec^d & any Order from me to ~~dear~~ County Clerk But no wonder you did not for I ad not written it yet but will do so in this letter I ad hope you to write & tell me a point how the Dutch gets along where it is divided &c & as to how are what you ad stated a brief Father ad hoping me to write to him you can inform him that I always had intent in friendship toward both of them & respect them as Parents & shall continue to do so & if I have treated them with any disrespect it was not intentional on my part & I say —

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Father & Mother with as much respect.

As you send it with the same respect
that is due from a son to a Father
But I thought that they did not treat me with any great
respect I thought that they must entertain feelings accordin-
gley & further thought that if such was the case that my
presence was not warranted & I never make a practice of
going away I am not warranted & further I never make a
practice of writing unless my letters are warranted, & as
I have no authority from them whatsoever in person I prefer
their opening the Ball by writing to me first, & according-
ly send my address in this letter which you can give
to them, & I further agree that Every letter they send to me
shall be promptly answered; Give my best respects to them
& tell them that I am well & hope that they are the same,
further you nor them need not hesitate about writing on
the account of my leaving that place, for if they are plainly
written (that is the directions) they will follow the Regiment.

I saw Abner here today but he put me with a Cold
shoulder so I did not speak to him, But I must stop
for the train is about ready to start, (from your
Direct to W. Walter } Brother William Walter
in care of Capt Ammons of }
Co. B. 5th Cav 90th Reg of Ind. Vol. }
Indianapolis Indiana }



Wm. H. Walter
Rinderhook
Branch Co. and
Michigan



Cum gratia (Cincinnati) Dec 16th 62

John Walter Dear Brother

I wrote to you, when I was at Coldwater that was on the first Inst - & should be
be glad to be called on you, but being
now would not permit, I have been look-
ing for a letter from you for several
days but now think that I shall
not hear from you till I get to Day
for our direction as again been
changed & our destination is

Louisville Ky - we shall start

to day or tomorrow, we are now
packing up ready to start but I do
not think our company will start to-
day on account of transportation
we are ordered to leave 10 days later

when there is no money of importance to
start, no time, but I am sure I must
mention that is that I lost my pocket
book when I came back from Coldwater

I lost it in the Cars & Co. about
10 1/2 miles from this City yet least
I had it when 64 miles from here & passed
my passage to this City it must not
be stolen from my pocket onto the
seat & I did not observe it & it must
in my bag on the seat. till I got to this
City. As I did not leave my seat from
the time I had it in my hand till
I got to the City. I must it when
I got a box of 100 cigars from
the Cars & hurried back but it
was gone, it contained a box of 100
but it is gone & it is no more
crying for the milk, & I shall look
out when I see it.

When I Recd. the letter from
Father & answered it & I who had
written me know how & what they have
to do a lot. I wish to hear a
sharp letter but it was according
to my feeling & I think they do not
like it. I cannot help it.

I regretted you in my other
letter that I gave the at
Columbus & he past the time of day
in the Cold Harbor & so I made
him no answer. I want you to
let me no, what he is to day so but
it is I know. sitting in cold doors,
there I hope when the Camp is &
he is daddled in a hurry
But I must close so give
my respects to all engineering
friends from your brother
William Hall
Dated To you Hall
December 16th 1867

When you write to me
Direct please & be short that you
Foot on the Company & Regiment
This is sufficient now
William Hall
Co-M, 5th Cav-90th Regt
Ind- Vol- Indiana's Ind.



W. S. W. and give me all
the particulars - when you write direct to
Pielaski's Son, and you had better drop
me Officially as there is others in the Regt
by the same name & I think that I have
lost some in that way - but if addressed
in full it will prevent any thing of that
kind - T. S. Crelley Capt. W. W. Walter



Clomp Hovey January 11th 1863

John Walter Dear Brother I

Rec^d your kind letter of the 18th of Dec-
on the 4th inst I was glad to hear that you
were well and also somewhat pleased with
the division of the Ditch & think that Col^l.
Sill will think by this time that it is not
profitable Ditching until he knows ^{where to}
ditch, I do not know what is the reason that
Father rec^d not Rec^d a letter from me at
the time you mentioned being there for I
wrote to him long before I did to you, I have
only Rec^d one letter from them & have answered
it & if you inform me ^{in your next letter} that they do not
Rec^d any from me I will then write to them
again, we arrived at this place on the night
of the 25th of Dec- about Midnight, we
are laying here on the Bank of the Ohio R-
& close to the S.E.C. of Illanois I suppose
as a kind of Home Guard & there is
a good many scattering Rebels along here
we do not yet get our carbines, But our
Revolvers are the Devilish things we
shoot that you ever saw, The River here



is from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in width & we out a
can stand on the bank when I will wa- from.
rent it to be $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide & by holding that a
about $\frac{1}{2}$ way up the Treas on the opposite & also
bank they will shoot Clean a cross & I Cliffer
will bet that there is not a Triple Brane two for
County that will shoot $\frac{1}{2}$ way, But skin
the difficulty with them is they are so
short that you cannot take a true ame
But if the Rebels should come in a large
body we could drop the Ball into them
at long Range, John I do not believe
that our Officers are worth a D-
I have to day wrote a Letter to the
Angoley Paper & I wish you could get it
It should be there in time for the issue
of the 17th of January it gives the Officers
a rub, I believe that the Old Cap-
dislikes me but when there is anything
to do of importance I am shoud be one
of the re-picted out & the other day I
gave him a regular Cussing & that very
night he ad to send for me because he
ad something of importance that he whom
ad to Entrust to my Care, I who sent

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& pea
to all
Dices
Reg-

to we out as a spy & only one other man
will be from this company. He who a fellow
holding that all been to California by land
to deposit & also twice to Pikes Peak he is a
S & S Cliffer & we make a full camp, also
the Brane, two from Co H also Californians M.
1, But asking in all all armed with an
is so extrey Revolver & went on foot, this who
new came on the night of the 7th inst, if you can
large see the Paper I mentioned, you will see
to them the account of Pickett's firing that
believe night - I do not time to give you an ac-
count of it now & if I could there is
The something laughable about the matter
let get it that I am under obligations to ceap at pres-
the issue ent, sufficient to say that I was not a
officers amongst the men when the alarm was
ceap - given but came in long before sum of
nothing the men did, tell Joseph Miller & Michael
be one Michael that I am all right
day I & feel like a Fox in my respects
that very to all from your brother Wm. Walter
camp he Do John Walter
the whom Direct as usual, - Co. M, 5th Cav 90th
is sent Reg - Ind Vol Indianapolis Ind -



Cave City April 27th 63

Dear Father and Mother

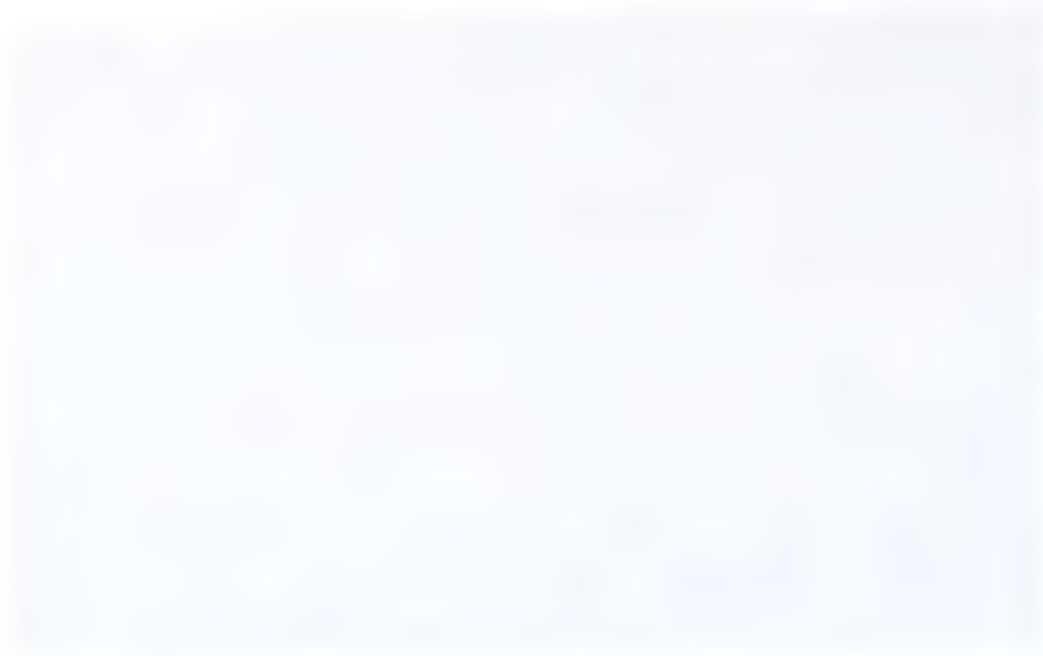
I Rec^d a letter from you yesterday
And should of answered it then but
whos sent to Munfordsville Ky with some
Rebel Prisoners 11 in No I returned at 12 o'clock
P.M. and so concluded to write I whos
glad to hear that you were all well & I
am enjoying the same blessing, in fact
the more I see the Rebels the fatter I get
But a nuff of this for I suppose that
you would be glad to know what I am
doing &c well I ad some scouting for
the time I last wrote to you up to the
17th inst when a force whos equiped to drive
back a force which ad crossed the Cumberland
River & came up into Ky as tho they
intended to attack Glasgow (I think I
mentioned this to you in my last letter)
we started at 2 o'clock P.M. in company
with the 107th Ill Infantry the 14th Ill Cavalry

And our Battery ~~the 6th~~ all under
Command of Col. Graham of 5th Ind Cav
we rode all night Friday Night and Satur-
day untill 4 O'clock P.M. when we came
up with them at Celina Tennessee
& Engaged them at once which lasted
untill dusk when the Rebels ran up
the white flag & surrendered the Town
but we failed to get many Prisoners and
that Night the Rebels who reinforced
& before day we had to cross the men back
who had been thrown over to take possession
of the town, in the morning we had a pretty
sharp which lasted untill 2 O'clock P.M.
but we drove them better shelter & took
their dinner when they had it all ready to
eat it made us a good dinner & we got
back about 4 O'clock P.M. that is to the Town
And we burnt every house we came to
After Crossing the River, the loss of
Rebel Property was reported as follows
100,000 lbs of Bacon 30,000 bushels of wheat &
Corn 100 lbs of Whiskey & flour besides all
the Kineto of Commacary goods &c.



I think the stores which were destroyed
would of kept 3000 men for 3 months. The
Rebel loss in killed was estimated at 100
men, but the beauty of it was we did not
lose a man but all two wounded, but they
will recover the 14th as one man missing
and the only way I can account for this
is as follows we all had Enfield Rifles &
would carry 900 yds & I think their guns
would not reach us, but a puff of this
to day we had a train of cars stopped between
Bowling Green & Nashville Tennessee but their
was a Guard on the train & they whipted out
the Rebels & laid down the track again &
came threw safe to this City, but I must
close I am now at this City I have
the Railroad, there is a strong place sent
across the Cumberland River to attach it
Morgan & Hamelton & I think ear this the
Expedition is got far anif so that should
this letter fall into Rebel hands it will not
do any good to them, but one thing more
you wrote to me concerning your business
nib &c

Mr. John Miller
Kinderhook Branch
County Mich



Care City May 28th 1863

John Dear Brother, I sent you
some money a short time since & presume
you have recd it all this, But today
I sent a Satchel (which I intended to
of sent to Frances Dobson), but not thin-
king I sent it to you, (You will get it
& then send it to her at first opportunity
it contains the following things, one Ben-
ket, Do. Selen Vest, Do. Neck-handkerchief,
one Pocket-book, one finger ring of my own
make & some Cartridges, 10 wit, one for the
Smiths Carbine (inclosed in gum & one of the gums that
as been yoused) all so one for the Burnside Carbin
(this is inclosed in Brass, & you must be cautious with
it as the precaution is in the end of it.) & also
one or two Common Colt's Revolver Cartridges
all so one Combustible paper Cartridge for
same Revolver, this you must also be
careful with wile around fire or matches
(as well as the Brass one) (you will also find
some flat seeds they are Persimmons seeds
I want you to see if you can make them grow
or at Frank try them as you chuse,

The Cartridges you may keep if you chuse
as I intended them for all to see, The satchel
Cloaths & J. Ceill - I put out Frank. & here
& Reef & also the Bucks which I sent
back, But a heap of this W. & D. soon &c.
But one word about the times the other day
23 of our Men got surrounded by 400 of
Morgans men & they who's ordered to sur-
render, which the Boys answered with a
Charge & cut their way threw & escaped with
a loss of 9 Men, it was down on the ^{camp} Cumberland
among the Mountains at a sort of gap &
the Rebs lay in this form ~~Bar~~ ^{road}
and the Boys came threw ^{the} gap & the wings closed, On the 24 I helped
run 23 of the Rebs from 9 O'clock in the
morning till dark but they got away, their who's
only 28 of us but we could of took them if we could
of come up Yours &c. Wm. Walter
J. Walter

Martinsville Ohio July 23rd 1863

John Walter Dear Brother

I presume you are looking with suspense for a letter from me, as I drafted those few lines which I dropped to you while passing Cincinnati, have arrived here this and I tell you that I who expected a battle, it came off on the 18th inst, we being successful in gaining the battle & perfectly demoralizing his whole Army, we took the river from Cincinnati and arrived at Portsmouth on the 16th & from there started for Centerville on horse back all night and the next day up to 4 P. M. when we learned that Morgan was marching on Centerville at a rapid pace & about the same distance that we were from it, we took Doublequick and beat him (by 1 1/2 miles) got the position which is a strong one flanked our Cannon & Morgan immediately retreated. All the he left 2000 men & we but 3 — at night we rested lying on our arms, at day light we were again on their track and followed them all day till dark Scouts reached us with the news that he was 15 miles ahead Encamped at Portland on the Ohio River, we halted & rested two hours the first halt for that day (18th). Then 30 men who picked & put under command of Lewis Abel a regular of the U. S. Army & I must say a first class Commander on the battle field that I ever saw, I who one of the 50 & we started at 10 P. M. & the train followed at supporting distance, we learned that the Pickett who was

and our Rebels who took them without any struggle
or in other words with the Saper, & then open the back door
again, but our guide got lost and we did not come to time
until after daylight. & the Rebels hearing the signals who
reinforced by one Regt of Men, but we surrounded them & commenced
the assault on one side, in range of their Cannon & they took
the ball smothering us like hail, we took them & commenced
to over into a large wheat field & here made a stand, our main
Column attacked them on the Center and lost one Battery
and 75 Men, and then attempted to cut us off from
the main force which caused us to leave the wheat field
in a hurry & retreat back to the River to prevent them
surrounding us when a Gunboat discovered us & forced us
back into the river before they discovered their mistake & at
the same time their who about 22 May (Rebels) who all crossed
the River & who firing into us from the river. The Gunboat
from the rear & the Rebel Battery from the left, but it only
lasted a moment, for the battery attacked the 3rd Ind Cav
got in to position & made them withdraw their Battery, then Co D
of the 3rd Ind Cav charged & retaken the Battery which we lost
at the commencement, & in mean time the Gunboat came up
to assist us on the side as their who nearly two Regts
against Lieutenant Col Wal with fifty men, we who retreated
slowly & charging them at every advance, & thus we held our
ground till the boat came up & then the Rebels began to retreat
when we rallied & made a most desperate charge which
wound the day, for we took in that charge 3 of their Cannon
which left them only one gun, in that charge we captured



all our Prisoners & took 23 of them Prisoners held them and
held the ground, here we also captured Morgan's Carriage Clothing
papers &c I have a hat which I took from his trunk & also his
postage stamps, but this is about all I saw of him. As it was
my horse gave out, but not till we had chased them 3 or 4 miles
& they were in a perfect rout, but our horses were completely
exhausted but here Col. ~~Fin~~ & Col. Gen. Hobson & Col. Shackleford
came up & followed in pursuit & to the best of our knowledge
captured 2300 Prisoners including those captured by us on
the field, these & including those killed cannot exceed Morgan
over 1500 men, they are not far from my position 2 or 3
miles at farthest. - He has made two attempts to cross the river
since the battle but has been each time compelled to fall
back, & there cannot be less than 1000 men now in
his hands & he must of lost nearly all his arms & will probably
surrender as soon as cornered, The only I expect to get him
into the city is because we are standing on one corner only.
The forces under General Hobson & Col. Shackleford & myself
came up on others, we are about 20 miles left night & some
our horses stand saddled & bridled, but I must close for this
I would say we have Col. Morgan Brother of John Morgan & I
Duke against the Prisoners, another Col. - who I found on the
field, here I will say that when they first us so kind I saw an officer
which answers his description leading on the men & I took a shot at him
at the fence with my Corbin & that was the last I saw of him we
were perhaps 200 yds apart at the time, I will write as soon
as we finish this chase. I am well & been in the field every day
since the 23rd of June except coming up the River your &c Wm. H. H.



Camp 8 Miles N. of Greenville Tenn⁸²

September 17th 1863

John Walter Dear Brother

When I last wrote to you I wrote
you that you might look for news
from E. Tennessee, but on the account
of our Communication being cut off I
had not written until the present time
but I am now informed that the route
is now open but there is a chance now
of our letters being delayed, we left
Glasgow Ky on the 18th of Aug. to
cross the Cumberland Mountains &
March on Knoxville Tennessee that
being a head rendezvous of the Enemy & a
place that they must hold to keep a
Communication with their Eastern &
Western Arms, we took the Town on the



1st day of September. The Rebels having up most of Virginia will be near it
 everywhere having large supplies of food, as their is no doubt still works to this
 General Lee inside on the same day. Reached a head, I under stand that Old R. & Co.
 with a portion of the Command upon
 Lee and shot the Rebels not but was. I calculated the Atlantic R. & repeat
 not save the R-R Bridge over the lower days that Old R. & Co. is now leading
 R. The next day the 5th Ind. Cav. - Marched from Lincoln fill in way of shell
 upon Sevierville 30 Miles S-E from us. he thinks them good for his health.
 Knoxville, but the Rebels did shoot. But it is worse for me to attempt
 added, we gave chase and the Smoky. I send you news for you can get it in
 N.E. to further & tales of the N. Carolina. The news papers sooner than I can send
 line, but we could not come and write it, but a word for the Union. I hope
 them, and then Countermarched to Sevierville of Knoxville. They are nearly everywhere
 & from hence to the fort on the R. River & have been shut down by a standing
 R. & from hence to Greenville & joined Army & fire cannot describe their joy
 the Command, hear we are again there. At our approach I have seen both Old
 out 8 miles towards Knoxville, their is
 Rebels in an advance & we have been seen into the valley. Cut down
 moving for several days but before you get the Rebel shot & raised the stars & ship
 this letter they will have to be made the 4th & in addition to this they stretched a
 cannon plugs over every street & many from
 a lot of houses

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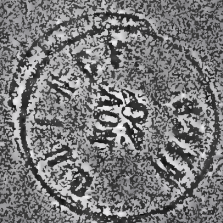
The Newspapers of the North have said
much concerning the Union Men of
E. Tennessee & of their ^{Escape} to the M^t.
but they have all failed to Express it & of
the latter they have come in like snakes from
their dens some are armed & some are not
but all are ambitious for Union & their Cry
is death to the Rebel. John when such men
take up arms you can guess at the result, two
of these men told me that they had not slept in
their houses only two Nts. for the last year —
but sufficient to say that these men are
being organized & armed & it will not be long
that they will need us to protect them, & I believe
is gone to hell, but I must close, send word
to father & to Frances tell them that I am all
rite & they need not be uneasy on my account, —
write soon and give me all the news

Yours &c W^m Walter
to John Walter Knoxville Tennessee
Direct to Co M 2nd Ind.
Cav. 1st Brigade 2nd Div, 23rd A. C.,



Dear Friend Mr. William Walter

Knoxville Tennessee Co. Mo
5th Indiana Cavalry 2nd Brigade
4th Division 23rd A. C.





the new road that I have been thinking of
and may say that I have been thinking of
the road that I have been thinking of
Kinderhook Nov 18th 1863
William Walter

Dear Brother in answer to
your letter bearing date of Oct 22nd 1863
which has been received and were glad to
hear from you again. I will first state
that I had one letter dated Sept 17th and was
sick Oct 24th. I sent one letter dated about
the 20th of Sept and another one dated Oct
24th. I will now give you a statement of
our health and how we are getting along.
I was very sick but recovered and was getting
able to go to work again and then on the
10th inst I was in the wagon with father
coming down the hill from Mr Perrines and
the horse ran away with us and threw
both of us out of the wagon and got hurt
very much. So that I have been confined
to my bed most of the time since and do
not know that I have any letters yet.
Father soon got around again so appeared

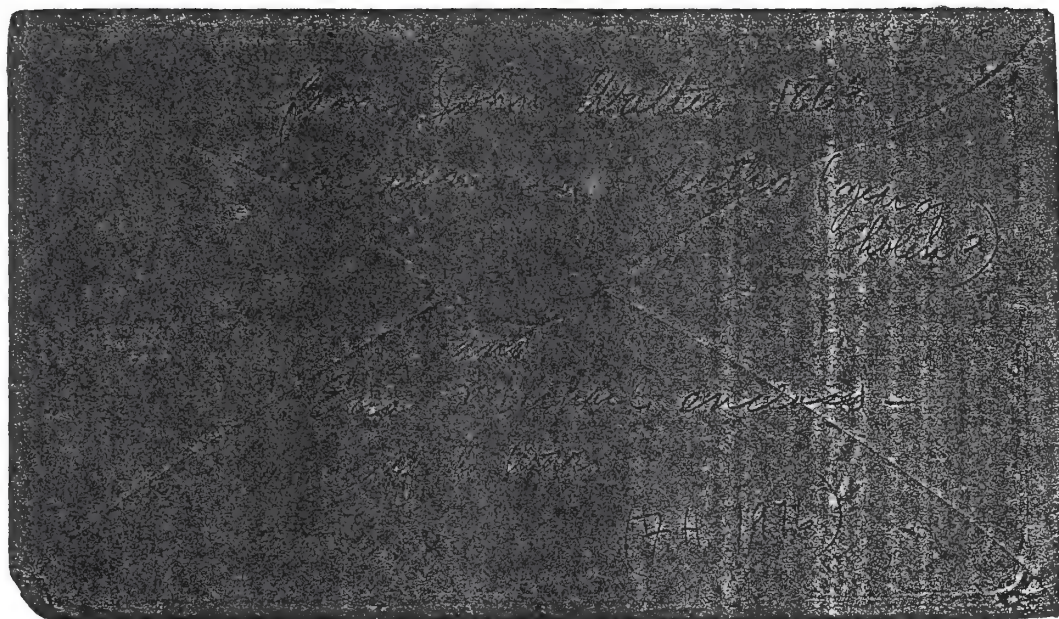
to be hurt considerable but soon was able
to get around, I will now give you some of
the letters that you probably have not heard yet
Robert's wife & two children, Abraham's youngest
child, and Mrs. Misselwhite, Joshua Michael's
wife & child, the folks are getting better those that
have been sick, none in regard to ~~Flint~~
he has rented his farm for 3 years and made
his home with A. J. White he has built a
small addition to Jack's house and keeps
one horse & buggy, & I will now give you
some of the names of our drafted men Daniel
Terrell, Albert Flint, Courtland Harrison
also Angelo Dobson he calculates to pay his
3 hundred dollars provided he cannot get
clear otherwise, I will further say that the
rest of my folks are in usual health, & you
made inquiry in one of your letters about the
articles sent to me, in answer I have received
all the articles you mention and also the money
you mention, but ask explanation in regard
to the coat, you stated in your letter you
tell me to send it to Leports P. A. and the



paper on the coat is marked Elkhorn
Indians. please inform me which place
I shall send it to please answer soon
again
Yours Truly
John Walter

Mr William Walter
Dear Sir, as there is room
for a few lines, I will drop a short line
to you first stating that myself and family
are in the enjoyment of health hoping this
silent messenger will find you in the
enjoyment of the same blessing. I should very
much like to see you. So we could speak
face to face. It would be very interesting to
me to have a conversation with you as I expect
you have gone through many hardships since
we last saw each other but feel to rejoice
that you thus far got through safe hoping
you may in the future also escape the dagg
and Balls of the rebels. but every one you
send to them may have the desired effect
and leave the minimum loss in their ranks

I suppose you have not got many
opportunities to meet in the L. or Fraternity
since you left. The N. Eastern is still progressing
slowly & I do not know that I have any thing
of interest to write to you and therefore
will close pleasing send me a line when
convenient. Oh! Aft. something new
I had the honour of joining in matrimony
Mr. Milo Rhodes & Miss Elizabeth Perrine
did you think the old dutches dare do
that thing. But the Long has changed
somewhat since you left, where it used
to be old dutches or Cop Rarett dutches
& flathead it has changed to Mr. Michael
or Esqr Michael &c. But I shall bear them
in mind for the kindness they have done me
I will further say that I saw your
friend Miss F. 2 weeks ago and
she was bright as a rose, no thinks it
would be your hearts content to be behold
her Rosy cheeks and enjoy her company &c
Excuse all mistakes and broad hints & believe
me
Yours Truly
Esqr Michael



Solemnly
S. See Capt
Candy camp



Due 3

Mr John Walter
Kinderhook
Branch County
Mich.

urgent and by
forward

Camp Graham Feb. 22nd /63
John Dear Brother

I Recd a letter from you in
reply to the one I wrote while at Camp
Hovey, I was glad to hear that you
were well & as to your wish that you
should with me I must say that I should be
glad to have you with me, but justice
to your self & family demands that you
should stay at home as long as possible
& it is my belief that the War is now
at its most critical point & think
that it will turn in our favor ear long;
We have been doing a little business since
I last wrote to you. we captured 78 head
of fat Cattle, which were being taken
across the River into T.C. they are held
as Contraband & the fellow who sold the
Cattle now at the Honor of a Guard & board
free of charge, But I cannot comment on
this at the present time, John I wish —

! you would see what a wild

Jones, with Charge. To make
me a pair of boots 1/2 price & of
the best of Calcutta, let him
I want, Carefully Boots 1/2 Sold
& well. Kited with lacks, that is
the 1/2 Sold & head, I care the size
Do you remember that I am a little the
highest in the inst. & have Corns on my
Toys, if he can make them soon. Send
them as long without regard to price, that
is if you can get them without discommodat-
ing your self, for the best I can do here is \$3.23
in Course boots (Cow-hide) I have my old
ones that I spotted from home & think that
they will last till I can get a pair from
home, you will have to pay the Express. Then
as far as Evansville, I think there is no
danger of losing them & we will stay
here thru the Month of March & forth
then, send them in a box as they will
cost no more, ~~for~~ have Jones put them
up, if you can see Francis get-
ting to repair 2 pair of socks, & send

them with the Boots, if she as
not time to repair the Socks send
them as they are & send Le Ball &
Yarn & I will repair them my
I want you to work & let me
whether you can get the Boots or
not, you must Care as appear
of what you pay out for me,
I will immediately
from your Brother Ym. Walter

To John

Direct to William Walter

Co. M. 5th Cav. 90th

Regt. Ind. Vol. - M. C. Verne

Indiana

PS, I was amused at old Lie
Pew of the Sitch & tell him that
how his judgement on the matter & a
Strike & blow for him if I can get
opportunity at a Rebels head



Address letter
of Michigan 1890

W. J. Miller
Henderson
Branch County
Michigan

Camp Boyle March 27th / 63

John Dear Brother

Nothing of importance as transpired
since I last wrote to you But as I
did not answer the letter I Recd. from
Father I have written him a letter to
day & Enclose it with yours, I will
now state what those men went after
the morning after I returned from that
Scout it shows the present spread of
Morgans Men from crossing the Cum-
berland River, the Boys found them
& one a Rebel Captain took him
with his Carbine at Col. Graham
but it missed fire & the Col. blazed
away with his Revolver & shot the Cap. the
news the last killing him instantly they
got a few prisoners &c. My foot is better
& my Horse will be ready for a nother trip
in a few days, from your Brother Wm. Waller
Do John Waller



STRIKE WITH AN IRON ARM FOR OUR WHOLE UNION

Camp Day 6
April 2nd 1863

My Dear Brother

I wrote D. again about the 24th of March
also a few days later I wrote D.
Father & again sent the letter enclosed.
D. again again on the 5th sent S. Tree
a letter from you which was directed
to Mt. Vernon Indiana & answering
the one I sent to you concerning those
Boots. This letter also answered
concerning the question of Rec. them
I have no further to say to tell you
except that I am much obliged to you
for the letter which reached me by
the first of the month. I shall
be glad to hear from you again in a few
days again. I am sure for the same at
Caldwells. I shall trust be prepared from
some point in Indiana but from what
point I will not hear designate.





Oct 3 May 9/63

My dear Walter
Lindenbrook
Branch County
Michigan



Cave City, May 2nd 1863

John Leon Brother

I wrote to you some time since, but do ^{concerning some money} not know whether you have received it or not. The money was expressed a thousand dollars on the 15th of April & you should of rec'd it by this, the package contained \$50, as you will hear with as soon as you receive it, it was directed at Coldwater Mich - Now you may send me some Dried Apples say 12 baskets & also the following roots, Trout, Colicem, bo-root, White root & Goldenseal, you need not send a very large amount & if you have not much time you need ^{not} mind about the Goldenseal, send them as soon as you can & I will pay the expense, put them in a small tight box & if you have to pay freight, then their charge the same to me together with what ever you have to pay for the Apples I am now at Cave City Tenn



the R. and death in the
I feel who shall steal my box of apples
but I think there is no more danger
than you will see by the letter which I send
to Father that we have had a battle I
do not know whether I am any at the
Rebels any good or not but I do not
that I drew a head or two, saw it up
to their shoulders & blazed away. The
Major of the 14th Ill who's commanding
Co. M & S. at 5:25 P. sent me out
as a sharp shooter & also one from Co.
I & he then ordered the men to sit down
they were behind the ridge of the Mountain
The Rebels who on the top of a north Mountain
to our left - miles, ordered me & the
fellows from Co. G to take our stations &
see if we could not discharge them. The Major
took his station so that he could watch the
firing & the fellows from Co. I who were
back & see if the second shot from my
kicker I had some one I caught & caught

round when the Major said that I
made a man get out there. I waited
for 1/2 an hour or so & not seeing any more
of the Rebels I repeated the same to the
Major & he told me that I made a bad
that position until I saw our left
flank occupy the left Mountain and
then return to my Command I Commu-
nicated the 4th Station of Co. M all three
that battle & during the March & back
to Camp, but I must close for the
present write soon I am well & happy
but there is a lot of the boys complaining
& this last which I sent for I cannot get
has direct the Doctor to Care City
as we are Walter Co. M S. Co.

90th Regt. Ind Vol.

Leave City, Kentucky
Glad to hear of your success
I am, your brother
Wm. H. H. H.



Cam City N.C.
May 3rd 1863

Mr. John Walter
Kendrick
Branch County
Michigan



Cleveland May 3rd 1863

John Dear Brother

I have written many letters to you
of late but I recd one on the 1st & also
one on the 2nd inst. from you both of which
afforded me much pleasure but the
letter contains one or two things which
I feel it my duty to respond to for I
know not how to compensate you in any
other manner for kindly informing me of the
same, And that is with regard to Abrahams
being so much mistaken about the
letter which he recd from James C.
Mason & who somewhat pleased at the
circumstances and was much indebted to
Amos Stokes for furnishing you with
the news, But it only goes to show the
ignorant and malicious disposition of man
But Mr. A. need not be under fear of
receiving a letter from me because I am
never the first to write all this he is not



So Contagious to me that I should
be everways alarmed at the Missoma
which he would be able to conceal in his
letter. I do not think that it would infect
my system with disease, and he need
not be uneasy because I do not intend to write
to him unless he first apologises to me
for the insults which he has given me, and
further I think than never who any reading
matter so obnoxious that a man with
any sense judgment or perception could
not read and then act as they saw fit
but a nuff of this for I consider war it
comes from as I told him once before
I'll Amos Stokes that we are a nuff
for the Rebs and that - Kentucky is once
more clear of their invasions since the
Battle of Gettysburg they have given us a wide
birth. But with regard to the Ditch it is
no more than expected for it is plain to
be seen that James H. Howell is the
instigator of it all and there is nothing to



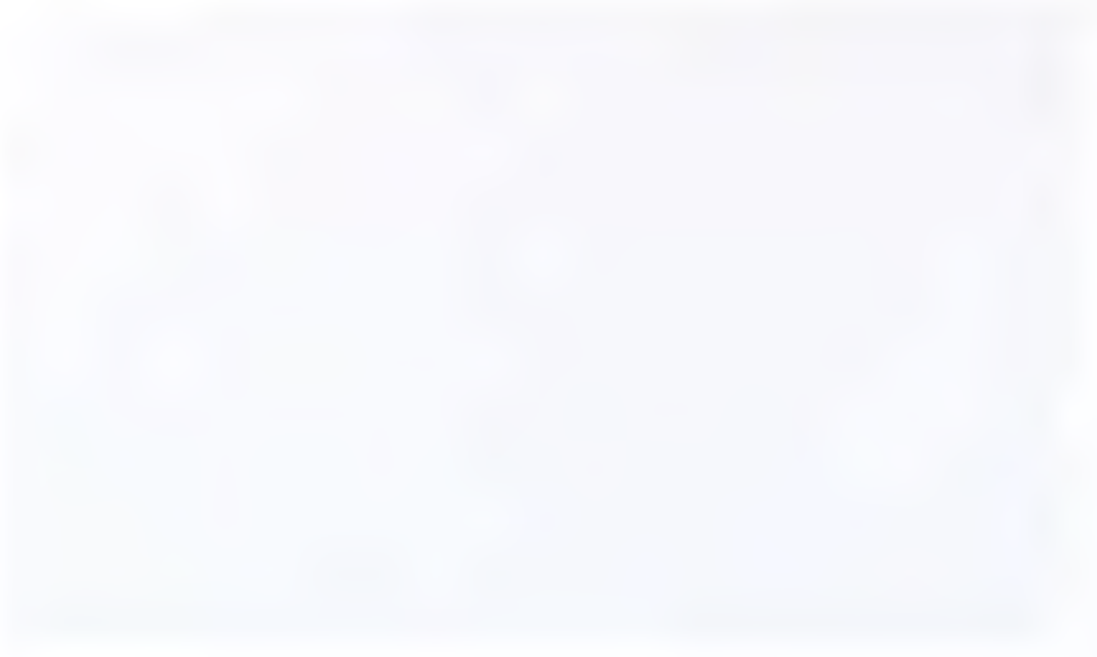
mean for him to undertake I say
this freely for when I left home ~~the~~
he who is rank a Butternut as then
whos in that town I did not think so
much about it at that time as I have
since but we do not allow folks to
talk here as I have heard him talk
there And if you hear any of those
Butternut talk in any treasonable
manner send me word & I will report
them up to head of our town Tell Martin
this also with others so as to let them
know that if they whoud to talk about
fire in the rear that we can fire in
the rear also, their Negrows are
flocking in & do a large share of labor
ious work for our Army but I must
close write soon

from your Brother W. W. Walter
Dr John Walter





Alfred W. Miller
Lindbrook
Branch County
Michigan



Cave City May 18th 1863

John. Dear Brother

I mentioned in my last letter to you
that ~~that~~ I should send some money soon
but that I would write first I intended
to of written but a Man came along with
home I had formed some acquaintance and
he was going directly to Indiana so with
he was waiting for the Cars I prepared my
money & sent it with him it will be
promptly expressed and be at Colquhoun
before you receive this letter it is twenty
dollars and all contained in one bill, (you
wrote to me that there was not much
chance of getting money now as it was
more plenty than borrowers; If that be the
case I would suggest the idea of investing
it in something if you think it prudent; As
for instance if sheep could be bought at
a fair price after shearing; I think you could
find men who would be glad to take them
and men who you could depend on as dealing
fair

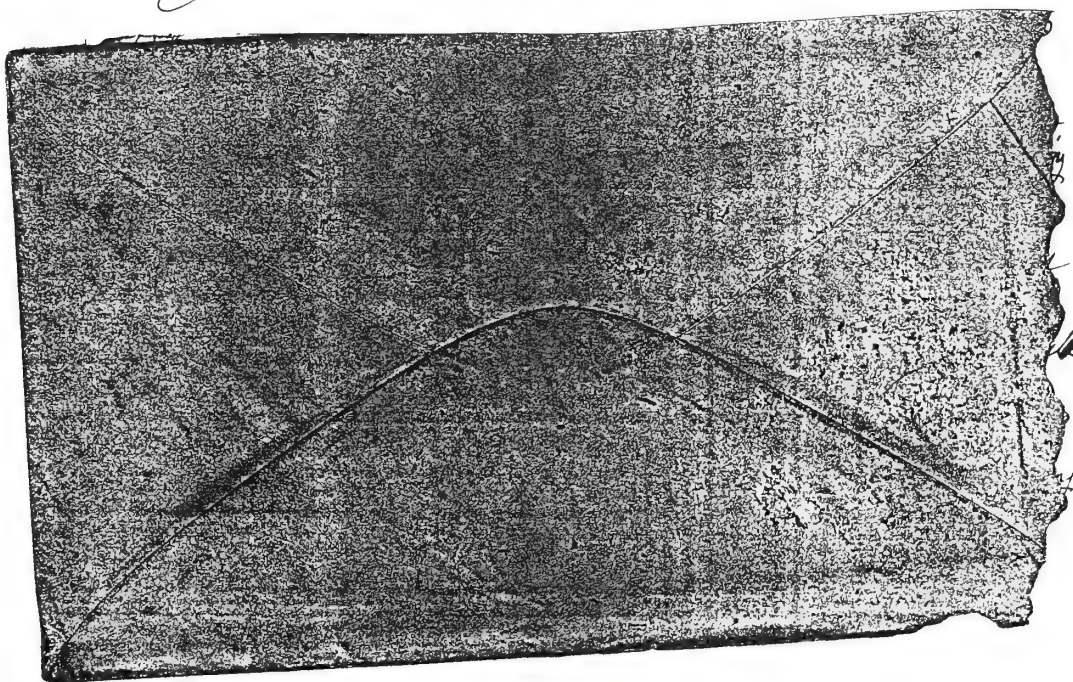


As for instance George Dobson if he is
not sheep a very smart what a fellow
But as to the price of sheep I would want
good healthy sheep & then I could afford a
good price, But understand me please I
am only giving an opinion & then you
may act as you feel proper because you are
there & have an opportunity to form a better
opinion than one far away, And now I
will give my reasons why I thought the money
ad better be thus expended than to lay it all
first it is paper & liable to destruction
Second the Country is growing to be
flooded with that kind of money & all the
it will be recalled for they will hoard
it at a Premium & work must come
to that standard & then you see all the the
Notes are recalled at 75 we do not receive
full value for them, But a copy of this write
soon & give me your views of this matter
there is nothing new here since I last
wrote to you, I am still attending on the
same sick man as when I last wrote to
you he is now getting better & I will be

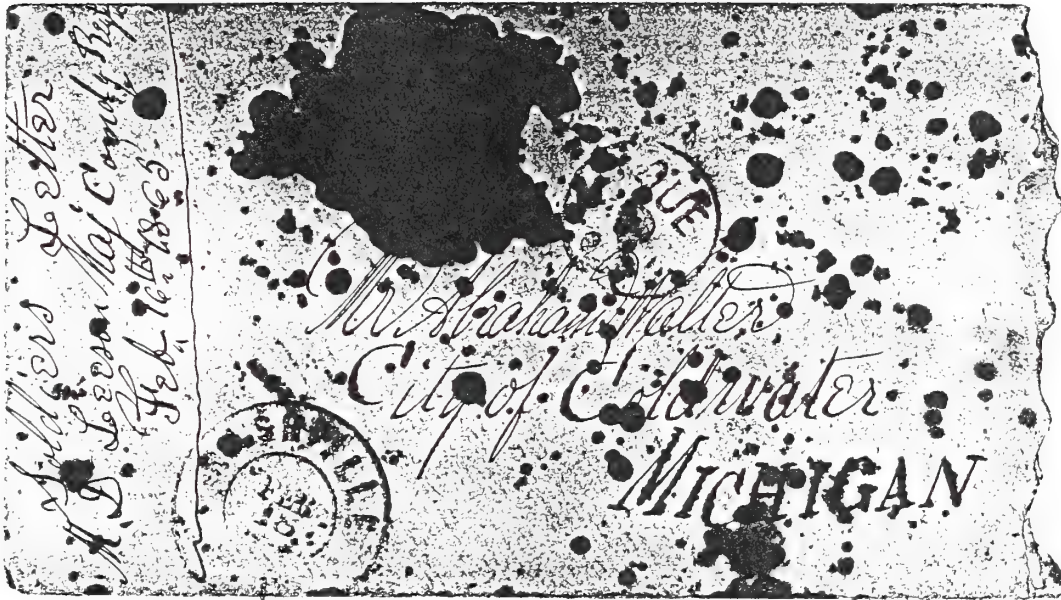


relieved in a day or two but I have set
a pleasant place situated in the Rail
Road House of this City. A front room &
neatly furnished & Black Servants by
the dozen to come at the whistle
P.S. Those Rebs which I spoke of being in
here they are not taken yet but I expect they
have sculked. The Box you sent came safe
& the things all right. The apples were nice
But I must close for my respects
to inquiring friends from you

Ever truly
Yours
J. J. M. Walter







Cave City Ky June 21st 1863
Mr & Mrs Walter

Dear Father & Mother

Your kind letter of the 12th came duly
to hand on the 20th inst - And most gladly
was it contended for by me. I was glad to
hear that you was well and hope that your good health
may continue, I see by your letter that you ad-
learned that I was sick but I was only sick 3
days, I had the bilious fever, but I feel some better
Madison with me & consequently threw off the
fever & am as well as ever, the health of the Co.
is pretty good at present, you wished to know if there
was any thing that you could send me that I stood
in need of, I must say that I do not think it worth
while to send any thing, because we have all that any
one could expect under such circumstances, I have found
out as well since I have been in the Army as I expected
when I enlisted, I did not come without first counting
the cost, rather did I enlist with the expectation of
having sport or pleasure but came with the sole pur-
pose of defending my Government from one of the most
unholy rebellions that ever existed on this continent
and which I positively believe should claim the

Assistance of Every Strong Arm, to Coöperate they
in a vigorous prosecution of the War, until the Union
is restored, Then & not till then can we have peace, for
I have seen the Rebellion in all its forms together with
the boasted form of Southern Government, with Southern Chivalry
attached, & for my part I would rather die on the battle
field than to submit to their tyrannical Oppression, if
they did of whine out of the Union by a vote or other fair means
I would of shouded let them go, But this never was their intention
and all their howl and cry about a permanent separation was
whos only to blinde the Eyes of the North & their by gain a
a strong foot hold, so that they could rule the North as well
as the South, they would never of rebelled if they could
of kept this power, but the free States so far anti thiped
them in wealth and population that they concluded to resort to
other means, & to accomplish their hellish design they have been to
work since the ~~the~~ John, C. Calhoun, But I will not
add words & have all ready written more than I intended, when I commenced
But I think the war is now doing very well but it will
take time, Gen Grant will without doubt Capture Vicksburg
& if so the Rebellion as its Kok broke, these small rats which
they are making does not amount to any thing & they are made
more for shaking than any thing else, the ^{late} rats into Indiana who
made with a force of perhaps 130 men they fast threw hear & we
gave them chase, but they are men that have near hear or did before
the Rebellion) Consequently when they found them selves pursued.



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at they would disband & at night would I ^{noted} ~~shadable~~ & at a disig
Union place would again meet, then who 30 of us ^{noted} ~~at~~ of this Co. ^{noted} ~~at~~
ce, for owed them two days and nights & if we ad not been ordered
the with back we would of followed them into Indiana & never left
& Chivalry a man do of ~~trald~~ the tale, all to they who 3. do one we
Battle did not fear them, we ad a Battle with Reb. Gen. ^{on} Hamite
, if on the 6 & 7 at Marrow Bone near the Turkey Point of Cee
an means Mbuland River, our advance Guard who only 23 ^{on} ~~men~~
tain intention and who met by 75 Rebels the Boys went at them
ation with our Carbines first at a bout 300 yds which ^{on} ~~engaged~~
gain a lot of their saddles & threw them into Confusion, then ^{on} ~~Chang~~
well with Revolver & Closed with the sword when the Rebs.
could broke and run in all directions with our Boys all
thipch. a must them as the they who after Rebs, this way they
sort to when for two miles when they came on the Rebel Camp
en to when the Rebel General by having a best horse made his
will not Escape without a Eather Coat or ~~all~~ his papers fell
a I ^{on} ~~Commenced~~ into our hands, we killed his ^{on} ~~flag~~ ^{on} ~~Master~~ & took 25,000,
it well. ^{on} ~~all~~ in Confederate Money, all two Cannon 300
Vicksburg Stand of small Armes Camp Equipage &c; with 33 ^{on} ~~Prisoners~~
to which But I must Close; with regard to your farm I think
are made you ad better do nothing more than to keep it together as
diana who best you can, and to manage this John can direct you
can & we better than I for he is there & knows how your things are
2 did before situated &c it is my opinion that if you can get a long
fermed for one year things will take a turn; & as to my coming

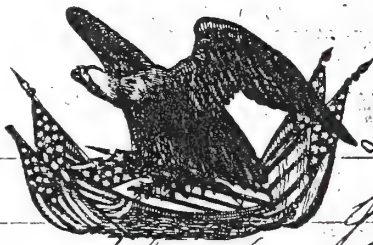


home I cannot yet set the time for I could not
get a freight for more than 12 days & it would take
me 1/2 of that time to go & come as well as cost me
\$25.00 in money, thus you will see that a trip
altho very acceptable would not be very profitable
but I will return as soon as I can & in the mean time
you need not be uneasy as to my safety for I understand
how to take care of my self, But I have already written a
long letter and must close for the present,
Give my respects to all engineering friends & write
soon Yours &c Wm. Walter
To Mrs & Mr Walter - Cg,



OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

W. John Walter
Rindbrook
Branch County
Michigan



Louisville Ky

July 29th 1863

John Dear Brother, it is now
over a month since I have heard
from you & do not know how soon
I may get to Camping quarters
so that I can again receive my mail
regularly, but the faster the thing moves
the sooner it will play out, we
arrived here on Monday last on our
return from the Oregon Chase, we
captured every Devil of the Morgan
tribe, that is the Battle of Buffingtons
bar on the 19th so demoralised them that
they never made a stand after words
but I must close for our Regt
is marching Orders for Lexington Ky
& must start immediately. write as
soon as you can for your letters will
follow me, yours &c W. H. Walter

John Walter I wrote to you from
Lebanon Ky on the 8th inst, informing you that
I ad sent \$40,00 by Express to you \$20,00 belongs to
E. White forward it to his Wife W^m Walter
P.S. I send this for fear you did not get the other
letter

Mr John Walter
Kinderhook
Branch Co
N.Y.



Glasgow 12th Aug. 1863
John Walter Dear Brother

I wrote to you yesterday, but since that time I have concluded to send my own Coat and as some of the Boys wished to dispose of theirs I have packed all Boxes & expressed the same to you, it contains the following articles; One Coat & one glove belonging to me, also one Coat & one riding Bridle belonging to Charles White; also one Coat & one Blanket belonging to George Sheets; also one Coat belonging to James Finch; also one Coat belonging to Taterson Richman and marked (Whister) Leafoot Indiana, this you will receive & then send it back by Express to Leafoot Ind. I sent it with the rest for convenience; White's deliver to his Wife, George Sheets deliver to Michael Sheets and James Finch deliver to Levy Daget of Fremont Ind (let Mike sheets take them) Mine you may send to Frances Gobson, There is some small things in the Coats that belong to the Boys & are all stowed up with the Coats as they belong with their names on the outside; take care of my Glove for I picked it up on the Battle field of July the 19th; write as soon as you can
yours &c William Walter

To John Walter

John Lewis Brother

I need a confirmation you will
in John Lovell Ry, and in
the account or circumstances I
have delayed writing. In the present
time, but as you would like to know
what I am doing since I last ur-
ted to you I will commence at once
We left N. H. on the night of the
26th Feb., & arrived at Louisville
Ky on the 1st of March left Louis-
ville the 4th & arrived at Glasgow Ky
on the 12th of March, leaving 8 days
on the March & it rained 7 days
out of 8 but when we arrived it cleared
up & was since been pleasant, but before
proceeding further I will describe the
Country of Green River, we crossed the
Horse on the N. H. Bridge on the account

I began in the morning the stated & again put away 14 or 15
& took off the saddle for the first time for 42 hours
then would my self in my blanket & lay down in
the fence corner till 4 O'clock in the morning, then
up & had my horse & before day light was in clear
sailing & got back to Camp about 9 O'clock the
same night - The next morning I or Mr. Mun
started for the same place but on the account of
my foot I could not go, but to keep of the
ground I have not yet tried any play & cannot tell
when it may come & whether I may be where
I cannot find it - at once I understand Burwash &
say is this, I gave J. W. Follett my Note
for \$128.00 towards paying for the Masonic
Hall, said Note will be due on the 1st of
September - Now you can see to it by
calling on J. W. Follett as he signed with me
Now if any thing should happen that I
cannot send the money in time I ask you
to see that it is paid prompt & you may
bring the money along expenses. Again I sent
for the Northern Republican in New York
& sent the money & have rec'd the paper, but
there will be some delay & I wish to know that
settled this you can do by calling on C. E. Mich-
ael or Jacob Wolf, has this settled as soon
as convenient & have them enquire what ~~settled~~ is the
reason why I do not Rec'd the paper more regular
From your Brother Wm. Walker
To John W.



in Emergency, this O'Reilly was - been

2 burnt - by the Rebels, it is 500 ft -
long & 130 ft high above the water, it -
as no cover nor railing, but ad of low -
laid down lengthways side by side so as to
fill up the space between the iron rails, this
formed the bridge for the horses, then each
man dismounted & led his horse & we all got
over safe, but I thought it the highest place
I ever was on with a horse, but the next day
a Regt. crept when 3 horses & one man
fell off, but they never knew, but hurt them
nothing further transfired till we arrived here
then on the night of the 13th we sent out Scouts
& got on the track of 20th Regt. Cavalry, on the
14th 30th started in pursuit, we got near them
but not within firing distance where the
Rebels smell the Rot & put spurs to their
Horses & coming, we all got the start of us on
the chase, but we soon smell the Rot & started
in hot pursuit, then came a harder race than
you ever saw in your life, it lasted for 30th miles

(where we all wounded them & got within short
distances & planned away (to see if we could get)

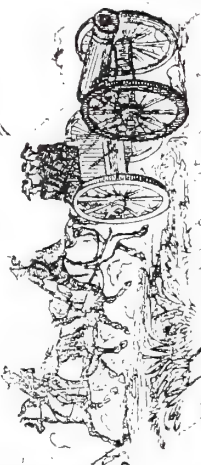
not - Spur them up a little) The first -
Volley (or rather we only got one) killed 2 men
& one horse the rest threw away their arms
& turned into the woods scattering in all directions
we took 8 Prisoners & 9 Horses, we have
but in Prisoners nearly every day since we have been
here, on the night of the 20th we got up & took
the Double quick for a short distance so as to
get the Foreword we whistled, then lay in an
orchard all night without any fire, & Arrows
on Horses saddled & each man handling his horse
but nothing appeared in the morning I. Johnston
to take a scout, I found the Coast Clear &
pushed on down into Tennessee the Crossed
with Car, at 1. O'clock I halted & fed my Horses
but only removed the bridle & fed nothing but
Corn, I then mounted & again started taking a
S. W. direction, the Road became Mountainy
& Rocky but nothing before us till about 2 o'clock
when my Horse fell & hurt my left hand &
I was but not serious, it could be all right in a day or
two



Mr John Walter
Kinderhook
Branch County
Michigan

sign that I think I will go
home this winter on purpose
but I must close. Tell Engraving
or friends that I will write again
as soon as I get out of the hole
or we get the road open so that
Pitt can get things clear, tell him
I am the same as ever & expect to be
a deal bigger hole in the spring
& conspiracy than there is now & I
expect to see around there. But
I shall be glad to hear from
you when I get home. I will have
some time to spare. Yours
Wm. W. W.

Corrected
Knoxville Tenn
Col. J. S. Cas-
4th Regt 23rd A.C.



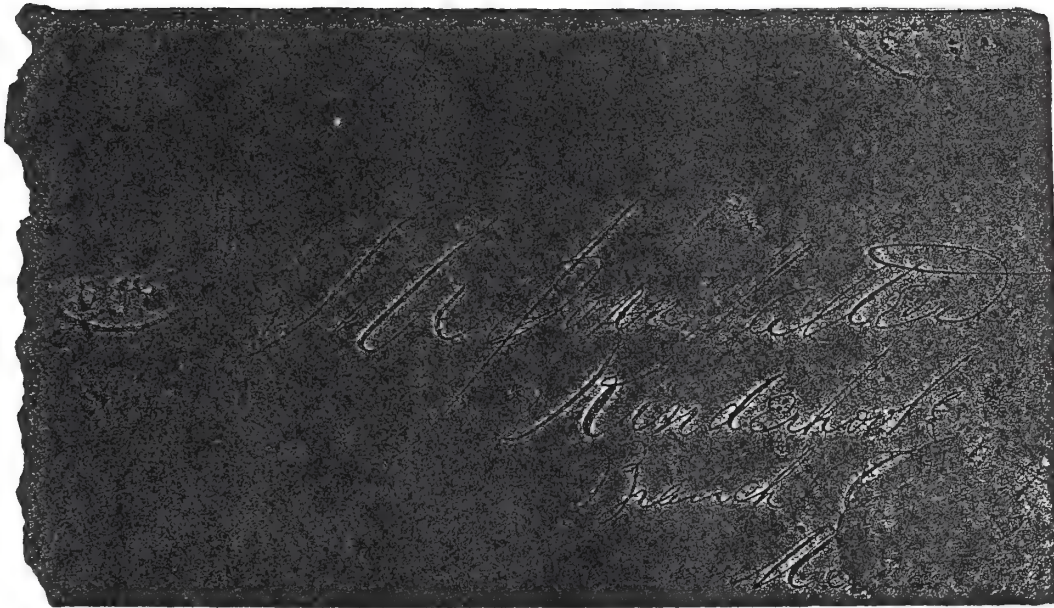
Camp at Fort Cav
near Reynoldsville

John Dear Sir,
I would of written sooner but
for the difficulty of sending letters from
this place. Our Government Communication
is cut off by way of Cumberland Mountain
to the Army & Legions. I have tried to
write to you from Lewis but do not
know whether you have read them or
not. I have my friends break & I have
got a letter from you & I hope you
will give me a letter about this letter
I have read one letter from you
since I left Glasgow Ky, & that anno-
unced the sad intelligence of Mother's death
but I have only one sheet of paper to
write to you with this time & I am sorry
I must be so plain what I have to say
I shall send my regards to you
in this letter

November 14th 1863
Camp of 5th Ind. Cav. - near Russell
will Gen
John Dear Brother

I wrote a few lines the other day to send to you, but since that time I recd. another letter from you & so concluded to drop another line in reply, I recd. the letter which E. Michael wrote & should of answered it sooner ad than been a well established mail rout. from this place. but I

know understand that the R. R. is clear from Knapp & Chatinopa & if that is the case then we will get our mails again regular. I was glad to hear that you was gaining & hope ear this reaches you that you may entirely recover. write often & tell all enquiring friends to do the same as I shall doubtless have more time to write then I have ad for some time past, further tell all to rest easy on my account for I think there is not much danger now for the whinted. We have ad some fighting down here, but came off all right, I have a horse which I have rode thro' five regular engagements & beaten him now I have yet recd. a scratch (so much for luck) John as soon as I get time I will give you a full account of the times we have ad down here, but must close for the present Yours &c W^m W. Walter
W. W. Walter

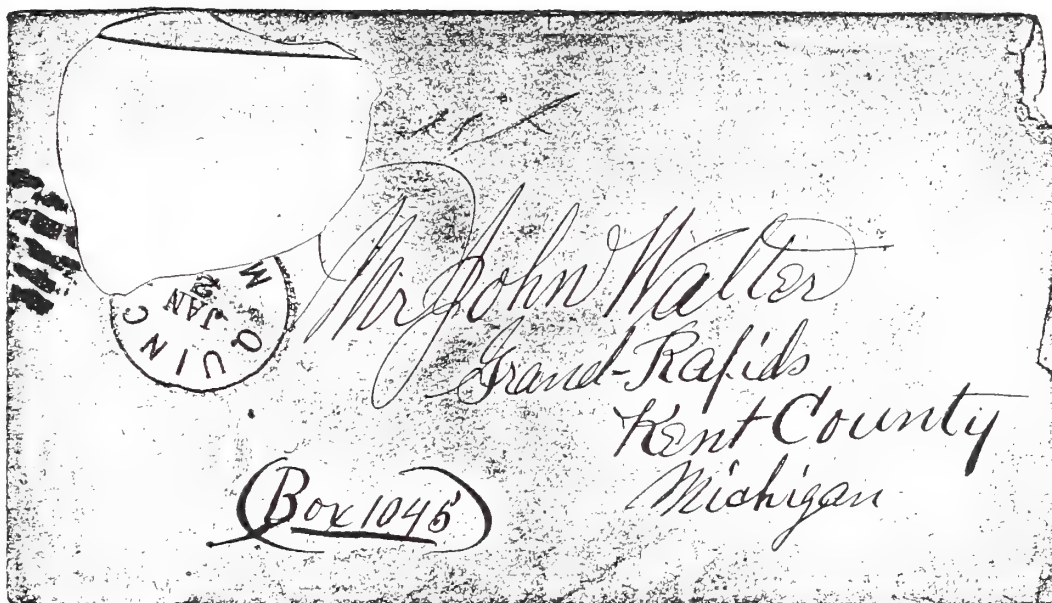


Reynoldsville. Va.
Camp of 5th Inf. Cal.
Jan 16th 1864

John Lee Brother
I send to let to Reynoldsville
11th Feb 64, & enclose it to you
please forward the same, I will send
continue the description of the 11th
of Feb 64, at 4 A.M. I was
detailed to carry a dispatch from Col
Graham to Cap. Leemos. and then I
at Command of the advance guard I found
him some 3 miles in advance & delivered the
Order which order he had to halt & hold
his ground he at Cos I & C. Then I reported
to the Col. & at this time it began to get
light & all read the order. The firing
commenced, then a man dashed up with an
order from Cap. Leemos more men & some
artillery, I was standing at the head quarters
of the 5th Inf. & saw an orderly dispatched
to Foster for more men & artillery, but it
did not come, another & another were sent but
no men came, & now came Cap. Leemos.

down the hill with the Rebels at his heels
& so close that I could scarcely make any
distinction of lines, their own Company &
their & Co. who on picket to the right but
I did not know where so I took it for granted
soon took the Rebels who were about 100 yds
from us in. I was standing & Co. Davis in
line of Battle & 100 yds to the rear where I shot
try & the way they did sling the Grape & Canister which
I saw to be true & we at the same time fired
the small balls like hail, we drove them back
but could not hold them & away we went
with Grape - hot thick amongst us, soon we
got another position & charged them driving them
back held the ground for a time & then we were
attacked & lost the Greenville road. The Rebels
lost the chance to attack us & they, in the
the time we marched some 3 or 4 miles & found
Col. Foster in line of Battle, & after a short
rebel got out of the road when General Carter
came up but it was too late we followed &
caught them all day but did not make much
but I must close for this time

Yours &c Wm. H. Tucker



Quincy Branch County Mich.
December 31st 1863

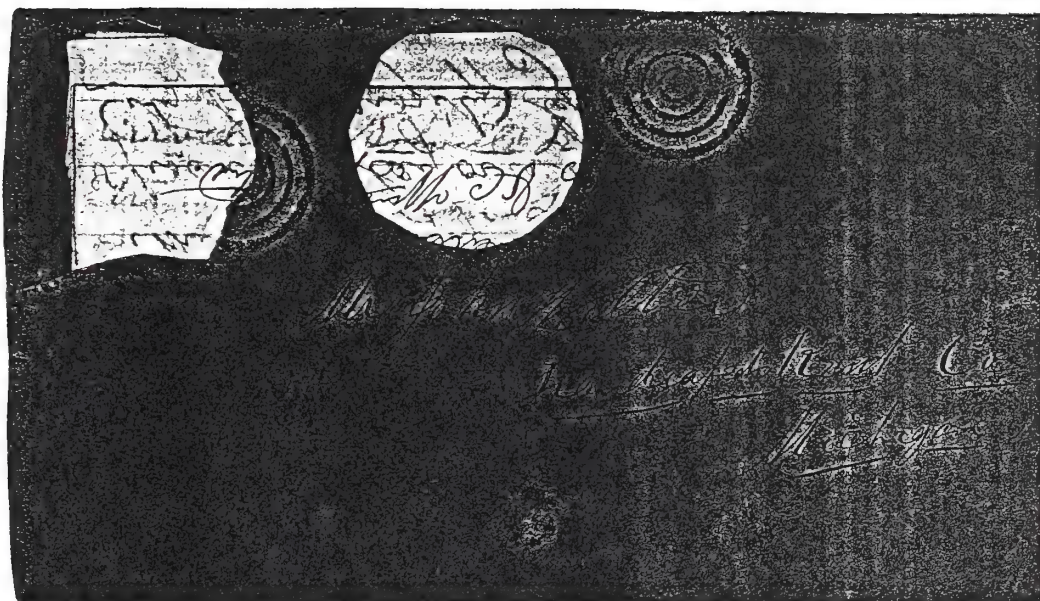
Sober John Walter
Grand Rapids Mich.

Dear Brother

I wrote to you some time since
but have received no answer. I
suppose you are busy. But I wish
you would write and let me know
what you have done concerning the
mill, and what the prospect would
be for doing any thing next summer
and whether you think we could work
to advantage together. And what you
think the prospect would be of my
selling my Coals in the Spring
they have come up well and are
now a splendid team. But I do not
think I can make things pay here &
shall pull out towards Spring -

I can do nothing with the old The best of both, I should have my deal, place entitled September 1st and properly charged for I would not care but then there will be 18 acres of that - but I would then or not - it's then and to the to be put in and some Marsh-hay job of wood which I took before writing to you. But I don't like to see it - I think it will play out for 2 years and the papers between the two. The Man I took the job of has - I will his plan and sketches) and find that he and the fellow that bought it as for bid me can stay in the house until April. Citing any more I think I could hold it 1867 then I do not for as I can do any. Let the fellow I took the job of is not thing with the same credit that time, over the supply to make it pay. So I think that I have come to the conclusion to. I had better get all I can and let it go or strike for something - but and that is my or I see him after words and get judgment for selling my coat, I have 11 rent. I have more now for changing head of dogs on hand they are young and - buying I find my self dependent when nice I have feeding them but dogs - how does it come to hard work but this is nothing - so that I shall not make any thing & my I hope you will write soon and let I think of feeding them until February & me know all the news, give my respects when you write. Let me know what can be well
Yours 11/26/67

When you write to let me know, I cannot come
long with them. I think by Feb. they will
be ready to leave. I have thought of
going South and if you have nothing
in mind, I think I will start about



Mr. J. H. H. H. H.

San Diego, Cal.

May 1891

Main Road between Manito & Atlanta Ga

June 24th 1864

Dear Brother, General M. C. Meade

I am Brother I will now drop you a line as I have been a long time
D. Ham. I left Cin-O on the 11th inst & arrived at Cartersville Ga on the 15th
I found the boys in a better Condition than I expected & especially the boys in
Stanton who are well. The Army who is in a better Condition than I expected
I find it, & I think we will give them what the lady gave the boys for
our side & left wings are closed in completely flanking them & I see the
as penetrated than in Santa & it is evident that they must be taken again
soon, but I think they will lose considerable Artillery it is not Prisoners
there is some considerable hand fighting & it is a continued thing, but I do not
see the result & my opinion is that in this reaches you we will be in possession
of Atlanta, with all this hand fighting I have not seen any thing near as
hard as we did it in June last fall, for there is so many men that when
each one does a little it makes a hard battle, but a snuff of time, John
I want you to write as soon as convenient & let me know what the
result of those meetings who if you have heard, allow I want you to send
me 30 Cts worth of postage stamps, as they are a scarce article down
here & I want Carey & did not bring many with me, allow write to Father
& let him know that I am well & find every thing more favorable than
I expected, but I must close Give my best respects to all my
friends,

From your Brother W. M. Meade

Direct to — Co M 5th Ind Cav 1st B 1st S 1st Cav Co Big Shanty
Ga

Dear Brother I have

Nashville Tenn June 14th 1864
To John Walter

Landreth's Neck

Dear Brother I conde-
ed to drop you a line from this place
before going to the front. I left Quincy
Mich on the 6th & from thence I went to
Warsaw where I met with a warm
reception & left that place on the 8th at 10:40
A.M. & arrived in Cin. O. 10:5th A.M. left Cin.
on the 11th for Louisville Ky by River arrived
on the morning of the 12th left Louisville at 7 P.M.
& procured a lay over ticket & stopped at Cave
City for (Curiosity) left Cave City on 13th &
arrived in Nashville Tenn at 6 P.M. procured
transportation from Gen. Miller Com Fort
& shall again start for Chattanooga Tenn at
11 A.M. then I shall stop a day or two as
I intend to hunt up Rich Melady —
John I wish you could of stayed until after
the meeting at Coldwater for I ad 2 household

and I Cracked Copperheads with a
will, but I think they took it pretty well
if you can learn anything concerning
it or the one at Quincy Let me know
when you write, At Coldwater there
is one of the Leverages from Galls
Corners he came to me after the meeting
& said he wanted to take my hand as
he all ways liked the truth of the
matter if it fitted any of them let
them put it on as I had told them -
but I must close write soon I wrote
to Benj & Father from Cave City & will
write again from Chattanooga

G. W. Walter

Direct to Wm Walter Co. M. 5th Ind Co
Chattanooga
Tenn

Oct-22nd/64
Wm John Walter
Grand Rapids Mich

Dear Brother I am
again at home and shall remain
untill the 11th of November, I am id-
fiting Copperheads and on the lookout
for ——— I had a long talk to-
day with Wm J Finnie of Ohio and
the Union Candidate for Governor in
this State, and I think they will do
to try to get such times as these, —
But a nuff of this, keep your eye well
pealed for brakers, and if you discover
any thing breaching on the shores of
Liberty report the same to me, but
I must close, if I get time I will come
out and see you before I go back
Yours &c Wm Walter

John Dear Brother —
You need not send
these Books which I wrote for because we
have Orders to march & consequently it would
be doubtful about my getting them if they sent
and I will get Books from your
Brother William Walter
Camp Graham February 24th/63 - 9 October 3rd 1864





Louisville Ky November 13th 1864
To John Walter
Grand Rapids Mich.

Dear Brother Jared
Ad you from Quincy (Mich.) concerning
that farm of Wilcox's, but I was in a
hurry at the time and consequently cut it
short as forable, I have now one thing more
I ought to of mentioned and that is
with regard to how it lay, but I presume
that you took notice of that when you was
out, but as I viewed it for that Express purpose
I may as well give you my views of the matter,
First the way it lays is beautifull, Descending
from the House in nearly all directions making
a beautifull building place, The land is good
but I do not like the Stone, Further I looked over
a farm (W. from Quincy near the same distance)
which was sold for 30 Dollars per acre and
I would rather have Wilcox's by Considerable,
But a miff of this I was giving you my views



of the matter, for it is, naturally a matter for me
Darius & the service or opinion of a mother, but it would
be more. I was that we can catch it to do with it
the Government of Norway, The Court of Justice, preaching
or the subject. I say a word concerning the subject
in relation every thing, passed off, speaking at present
but the Court, which gained more & little from
The State Election (that is, in the account
of C. D. Norton as many voted for him that would
not vote for Leicestershire) but we taught them not
before hand & several came over & connected
old Frederick Davies & he when to the clean thing
causing considerable sport, it was the means of
Conversation, all day & a very hearty
Laughter & round at the expense of the
Coffers & old Crating Farnham said he
would tell most as ~~soon~~ thought of a man
rising from the dead, they had guests a
petition of me before the Election Farnham
out nearly every night & it seemed to give
good satisfaction, but I had not much to say
in my sleep, but I saw it once or twice in
the Republican of capturing of the Quakers
of America & I thought that they had not



Sourceville Ky. November 19th 1864
Wm. Abraham (Walter)
Colchester Mich.

Dear Father I wrote to you
from this place on Sunday last, but as you
complained of dry weather, after I trust to be
punctual in future, we are here yet and will
likely remain for some little time, there is no
snow here, but we have had considerable rain which
made it very disagreeable, but it has again cleared
off, and I am in hopes we will have more pleasant
weather, I am asked two of our boys come back that
was taken with me on the Storeman Road, they
saw Charles White and his boy and they took
well on the 7 of September 1864.

But I trust close yours &c
Wm. Walter



Mr John Walter
Kinderhook
Branch County
Michigan



Capt D. S. Ford Cavalry Louisville Ky Dec. 4th 47
To Mr Abraham Walter
City of Calhoun Mich

Dear Father I received your kind
letter the other day and was glad to hear that you are so well
and hope that these few lines may find you enjoying the same
kindness of life as they now have me enjoying, we are not
in Calhoun and no more prospects of our leaving there in
Jan. In you two weeks ago, and further than is a
prospect of our being assigned the duty of Throost friends
in this City, it is that should be the case we would be
likely to remain here until our time is out, I am in hope
that it may be the case for it would be a nice berth—
But I must close, give my best respects to Mr Jones—
Mabel & Wife, also that I should be happy to hear from
them at any time, Give my best respects to all Enquiring
friends
Yours &c. D. S. Ford

Mr D. S. Ford has been absent for 2 months to come to Calhoun
Yours &c. D. S. Ford



Mr. John W. ...
Grand Rapids Tent Co.
Michigan



Camp 5th Ind. Cavalry December 3rd 1864
To John Galt
Grand Rapids Mich.
Louisville Ky

Dear Brother, yours of
the 21st Nov. was received today. And I notice in your
letter that you wish my opinion with regard to the same
which you were talking of buying, it is short and
easy to give, I would not buy it at least until after
I had disposed of the other first. And then it seems to
me that one ought to do better, and with regard to what
I can do (or may do) I cannot make any calculation
until after I get out of the service, but it seems to
me as the one could work together to advantage, and
the time may yet come when we can do so to advantage
for us both, But be that what it may, but do not
lose an opportunity on my account. But I presume you
would like to know what I am doing &c. we are yet staying
at this place and how long we may remain I cannot say
but there is a fair prospect for us to get on duty in this City
if that should be the case we will likely stay the remainder
of our time, I have plenty of business, but I do not fear
work I have charge of the Company nearly all the time
I have drilled the Co 4 hours every day for the last two
weeks and how much longer it may continue I cannot
say



But I must make out my morning report
and therefore must stop writing for this time.
My report stands something like this, for duty Sept 59
Corp-3 Privates 25. on duty duty 2 Sick in quarters 3 Absent
with leave 2 on Special Duty 2 Sick in Hospital 13 Missing in
Action 34 - But I must stop writing as soon as possible
from your friend Wm. Walter



Walter
Frank Ruppel's Kent Co.
Mich.



Camp 5th Ind. Cav. Pulaski Tenn. April 28th 65

To John Walter
Grand Rapids Mich.

Dear Brother yours of the
9th came to hand in due time. and it would of met
with a response from me ear this but I was absent
when the letter arrived and therefore could not answer
immediately - The Postage stamps which you sent to me
arrived safe - I have no news of importance to write, only
that there was a rather small shower of rain here &
The result was that all the R-R Bridges between here
and Nashville were washed away & we had to take to the
country for forage - We were out 14 days when they got
the Road repaired so that they could get forage down in
small quantities & I think in a least one week the
road will be repaired - unless we have a rather shower
But the time is fast rolling around when we can bid
good by to the Southern Confederacy and all its R-R
Bridges - We will then give a little advice to Rebel Sympathisers & Promoters. When we will take our departure
for the North (or Gods Country as it is called here) Then -
over



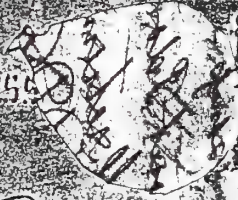
Up - he - curia. The Copperhead who don't
Crank in favor of the rights of the south. On the
Pears bar. (which they name it) Hell it self is full
of such men & it would be daring. Saton injustice
to send more to that place of retreat. And I think
that even the D - I will adopt a surtain propensity
which he can banish them to some unknown clime
for fear that they will be plotting some hellish scheme
against him self and wife - That a neff of his - She
death of President Lincoln caused a sad feeling
through the Army - and many are the Curc's agent
the flatter of the dead - I feared that last fall and
mentioned my fears to Senator C. W. / says but the
thought it couldn't be - and after arguing with
him for a time I concluded that perhaps they would
be proper Caution taken to prevent it - But it was so
I had feared when they thought the danger past -
and as before - Commits his hellish deed - & the
worst of all - Northern men - they God must could be
the thinking of I am not much of an advocate of
revenge - but I should like to prescribe his punishment
I would say he should lose his life by Amputation
I would commence at the end of his nose and keep

one joint at a time
expended life departed from his body, & then if possible
I would bring him to that he bite - again survive a
rather operation - But I fear I shall weary you
with this kind of logic - And as I'll call as
sounded I must close - & I trust that I shall
soon hear from you again - I rec'd a letter the
other day from Rich Melony he is not very well
but thinks he can hold out until fall - he
says he rec'd a letter from C. B. Hayes the other day
he was all right - I rec'd one from father & one from
Sabon the other day they are all well - But
I must close - Write soon
From your Brother
Wm. W. Walter

To John Walter

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Mr John Walter
Grand Rapids Kent Co
Michigan



Camp 6 Ind Cav

Pulaski Tenn. July 13th 1865

S. John Walter

Grand Rapids Mich.

Dear Brother Parot To you some

time since but have as yet received no answer, but as I have a few idle moments I concluded to drop you another hasty note. But you will doubtless be surprised to see my letter headed by a Noter Regt, than that one in which I have so long been a member. But Military matters must have their own way and that is as good an explanation as I can give you for the change, but first to the point. Gen. Ord. No 83 War Department, Mustered out all Troops whose time expired before the 1st day of October 1863. Thus 9 Company of our Regt was Discharged by said Order, and the 3 remaining Companies was G, L & M. Company L lacked 3 days of coming under said Order. Company M 10 days and Company G 25 days. And on that account we was detained together with recruits of other Companies amounting in all to 332 men present and 240 absent. The Sixth Indiana Cavalry was Brigaded with us. And after the Muster out was left in nearly the same situation. Then there was a clik of Officers who wanted to stay as long as possible (on the account of big Pay) so they connived to get up a Consolidation of the two Regts, and thus we lost our Organization as a Regt. but we hold the same Camp as when we was known as the 5th Cavalry. My Co is now known as Co B of the 6th Ind. Cav. It is composed of Companies A & M of the 5th Ind. Cav. I was in hopes that there would be a surplus of non Commissioned



and then I would of claimed the right to be mustered out on that account
but there was no surplusage. My next move was to get up a
communication stating the facts of the case, when we was Enlisted,
and the time we was kept in camp before we was mustered into the
United States Service, The No of Battles & Skirmishes we was
in with our Comrades who are now discharged, The No of Men
who have been Prisoners of War and suffered the torments of
Hell in a Rebel Prison, The length of time they have been without
pay, and that they have large families at home depending on
them for a living, To this statement I got the following
Certificate attached, I Certify on honor that the following
statement is correct, and that I am personally acquainted
with the above named men & have carefully examined
the Records of Co. M. And do therefore Request that they be
immediately Discharged with such Compensation as you may
think just, (Matthew Clegg 1st Sgt of Co. M & A. S., Rebel 2nd Sgt
Comdg Co. M 5th Ind, Cav.) To this I got the Approval of Maj.
C. H. Simpson Comdg Regt. And then the Approval of Col.
J. H. Butler. Accompanied by another request from the
Col. that our request be granted, This I forwarded to the
War Dept. or rather to the Adjutant Gen. of the U. S. A. Wash-
ington D. C. And I am looking for a reply from it now
Every day, what the result may be I cannot say, but we
will soon be out any way, We are having a very good
time here for Soldiering, and they may change the position
but they cannot stop the time, and we are now on our last
3 months if we do have to stay our time out, But a nuff of this
I wrote to you some time ago stating that I thought I



would buy up Government Vouchers here for a time but
there is now so many at that kind of business and I am not
likely to get payed off until my time is out I do not think I shall
follow that kind of business, But shall return to Michigan
as soon as my time is out, Father wrote to me to make pre-
parations to take charge of his Farm as soon as I could return,
I did not calculate to go to farming again but may work it
until I can do better, I think there should be a good chance
on some of those New R. R. near you. I would advise you to
get a map of the State (the most correct one possible) and
thus examine the location, there is considerable talk here of
Grand-Travers you have a better chance to judge than I do when
I come home I will take a look with you at some of those
places, But I must close the weather here is very warm
we got some ripe peaches and plenty of Black berries &c
we will soon have Green Corn here - large a nuff to you
in fact I have seen some ~~bread~~ in already, The Cotton is
now in bloom and looks very nice, there is quite a crop
of it in this country and Northern Alabama this season
Farming is going on now quite natured, there is
scattering Bushwhackers but scarcely a nuff for notice
we have killed five or six within the last month
there is a few hid in the mountains but when we hear of one
he goes up, when we first came here we would take
some times 8 or 10 in a day - But no more this time Give
my respects to all Yours ~~Wm~~ Wm. Walker



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Mr John Walter
Kinderhook
Branch County
Michigan

Lebanon Ky Aug-8th 63
John Dean Dr Sir

I have sent a package to
Collector Nick for you which will be
forwarded by the Express Co - from some point in Ind.
it contains \$20.00 belonging to me and \$20.00
belonging to Charles White. Which you will
receive and forward to his wife, I think the money
will be left Collector by the time you receive this
letter, with soon and give all the news
yours &c Wm H. H. H.



I have no time to give you
the particulars of the Battle at
Buffingtons Bar but if you have
not seen the account I will try to write
it next time but there is not much
more than Parrot at Martins will on
the 24th of July & you can get it from
the Angles paper of the 15th of August
& also from Bang Dabson, we
march again to day destination not
known but I think it is Glasgow
Yours &c Wm. H. Hall



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Mr John Walter
Grand Rapids
Mich



ONE COUNTRY.

ONE DESTINY.

From United States Sanitary Commission.



Camp 5th Inf. Cav. - Nashville Tenn. February 2nd 1865

"One last great battle for the right—One short, sharp struggle to be free!
To do is to succeed—our fight is waged in Heaven's approving sight—

The smile of God

is victory!"

To John Walter.

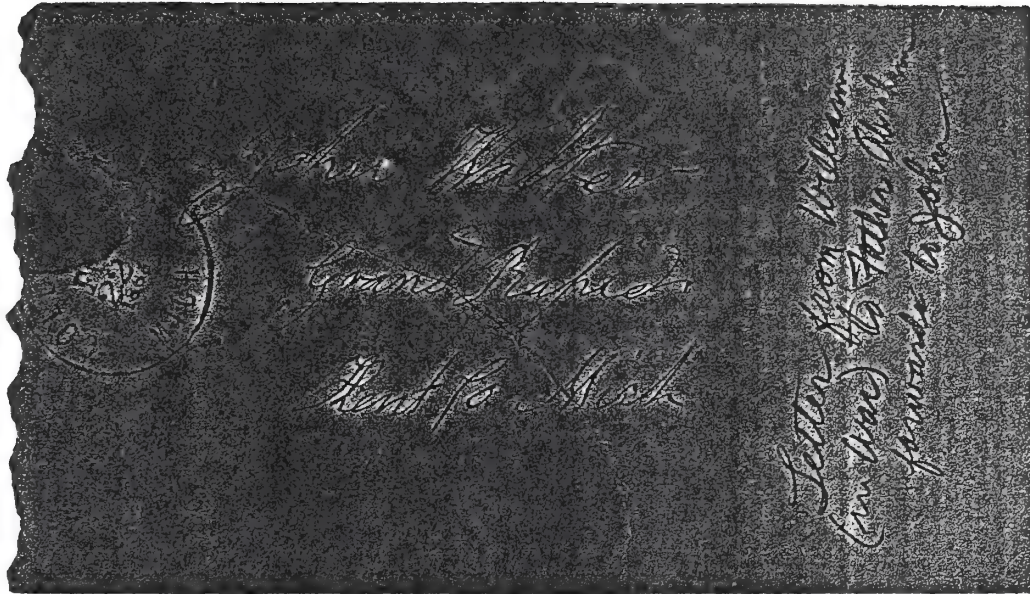
Grand Rapids Mich

Dear Brother I wrote you
from Louisville; but up to this time have rec^d no answer
but I suppose you are busy & I shall look for an answer soon
But I have no news of importance to write and therefore shall
not write much, but as I am on the move I thought I would
drop you a line to let you know where I am and what I am
doing. We had a Cold March from Louisville but since
then the weather has moderated some but the other night it
snowed to the depth of 3 or 4 inches but it is nearly all gone now
and as we start for Columbus Tenn in the morning
I think that we will not be troubled much more with
snow this season. I rec^d a letter the other day from Serg^t J.
W. Laymon of this Company he was taken prisoner on the
Stourman raid and made his escape on the night of the 10th
of December and came threw safe and sound. I think
Company H is good for the Rebs yet that makes 5 out
of this Company that as come threw safe. But I must
close write soon

Yours Walter

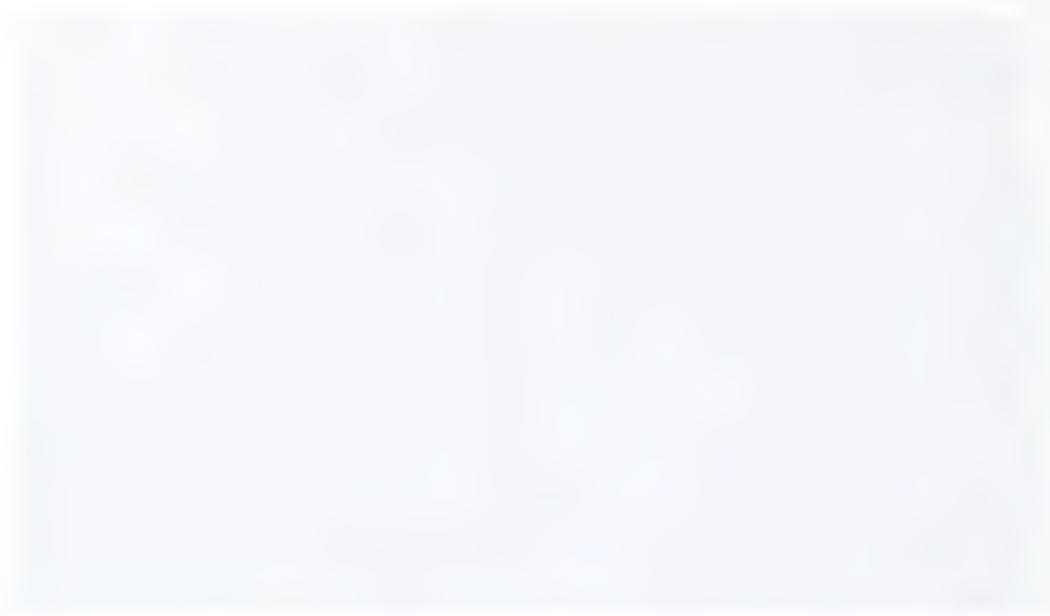
P.S. We have not been paid yet





John Walker
Grandfather
Sent for Alaska

Letter from William
(in War) to Father Martin
forwarded to John



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Camp 5th Ind. Cav. Nashville Tenn
Feb 8th 1865
To Mr Abraham Matter
City of Coldwater Mich.

Dear Father I wrote
to you once or twice on the march from Louisville to
this place, but I am now going to leave this place, and
I thought I would drop you a line as I am leaving.
We start in the morning for Columbus Miss
which is some 75 miles from this place, we expect
to make the trip in 3 days, when I get there I will write
to you again, I have no news to write except that
the boys are all well especially those from Fremont
I rec^d a letter the other day from Sergt D W Layman
of this Company he is a prisoner with Charley White
and Boy & made his escape on the night of the 18th of
Dec— and says that they was well at that date
I wrote to Mrs. White concerning them &
suppose that she agree. The same ear this.
But I will close hoping that I may hear from
you soon, Give my best respects to all
Yours Wm. W. Carter

Colerwater Feb 22nd 65
I am glad to hear that I recd your
to day and glad to say that
this leaves me well and
hope it will find you and
yours enjoying the same ⁱⁿ bliss

Abraham Miller



ONE COUNTRY.

ONE DESTINY.

From United States Sanitary Commission.

Camp 3rd Ind Cavalry Pulaski Tenn Feb 19/65
To A. Walter City of Coldwater

"One Last great battle for the right—One short, sharp struggle to be free!
To do is to succeed—our fight is waged in Heaven's approving sight—

The smile of God

Dear

is victory!"

Father I wrote to

you the other day—but as I have a few leisure moments I
concluded to drop you a nother line—I am well as usual and
our situation is as favorable for us as could be expected
I think we will stay here for some time—at least—Everything
seems to indicate as much—Our dismounted men are
doing firework duty in the city & we are camped about
3 miles from town—and will doubtless have to scout over
this part of the country—There is but very few guerrillas
in these parts now—we sent out a scout the other day
some 200 strong and they was gone 3 days—and came
back with 4 guerrillas—but report that they are very
scarce—But as I have no news to write I will close
hoping that I may soon hear from you—Give my best
respects to all enquiring friends—
from your son Wm A. Walter

Sanitary Commission.

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Mr John Walter
Grand Rapids
Michigan



Camp 5. La Crosse Pulaski Tenn. Feb. 16th 1865

To John Walker

Friend Ralph's Mice

Dear Brother yours of the
16th Feb. is at hand. I saw by your letter that you
have not received my letter in due season - but
I expected as much - for the Mail route has
been very much interrupted on account of
high water which swept away RR Bridges & we
now have to carry our mail over 30 miles on
horse-back - and it will doubtless remain so
until the dry season sets in - You stated that
you wrote me on Wed. pass day - but I have never
received the letter - so if there was anything of
importance you can rewrite it at some other time
I believe. I have only received one letter from
you since I left Louisville - You state
that you would send me money if you knew
how to send it safe (that's correct) but the trouble
is to send it safe - and that is the reason why
I have not sent before - I have money coming to



more & I do not know whether I shall send
in a Summons or not. I have a great deal to do
much against them that I shall order my
Attorney to prepare the same home. It is
a matter of course for the Bar to which I
was a member of the Bar. I will amount
to some 20 Dollars. but I do not know how this
much in my Attorney will Charge me - but this
it will not be very heavy and I procured some 8 or
10 others making considerable of a job. I shall
order that amount to be paid to Dobson as I
don't know whether to him & did not pay the
Charges. I have another Solicited Case on
hand concerning Cleaving - lost in Action. I
do not know how I may succeed - but think
I can make it turn out if I can't make
some. I do not know whether I am in a good
situation to go in my Company. I have
a friend from - but I know that he would
not stay - all the Col. J. H. D. J. H. D. J. H. D.
his friend for me (he is our Col. & is a very good man)
I do not know of this I expect to be paid off
I do not know whether I shall send



Country to considerable extent - But I must
close - You may send me 50 Cts worth of
postage stamps - I will send them in two letters
and direct plane & send them about one
week a sent - We are having a very good time
here - very few guerrillas or Bush-wackers - I
have been out some 2 weeks scouting around
but met with no opposition. Except running
into a squad of Bush-wackers one night on Elk
River & they had added to the the S. L. had sent
for them and they could not go - but they stole
a horse on six one night - they slipped in to our camp
stole a head of horses and made their escape - we have
not recovered any of them but went down on the Bush-
wackers & before we returned to camp captured 7 horses
and two Bush-wackers - When we returned and found some
more of the boys was out and captured 10 horses and their equipment
this year we have held them level - I need a little the other
day from R. W. Melendy he is at Chattanooga and all
rite also G. B. Noyes is all rite he is going for them at
Indianapolis - From your Brother
Wm. Walter

To John Walter

Fremont Feb 19th 66

To John Walter

Dear Boy it was with
pleasure that I received yours Feb 11 on the
16 instant stating that you and yours were
well and hope this will find you all ^{the}
enjoying the same blessing as it leaves me
at this time thank God for all his mercies
— and now for the nurse first Hutchins is
dead he died a few days back very sudden
without a moments notice be ye also ready
Jack as sold his Farm for 3000 Dollars
and him and Michel and Kitch have
bought a portable steam saw Mill and
are a goin to sawing Lumber they expect
to saw six thousand per day and they
expect to go to live on the prairie and
this throws me out of a home as
I do not like to go there Peggy had
as was was buried the other day — Mr Brown
is still living in torable health so conclude
with love to all A Walter



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Charley Dear Boy

I was much pleased
to have a line from you and please
to hear so good an account of your ^{adv} prog
in learning Charley be sure and make
all the progress you can in learning
as it is what no one can take from
you and is the foundation of a ^{we} better

Your Grandfather

Walter

Feb 16 - 86

Dear Ediza

I was glad to have a
line from you and pleased to see
so nice a note from one so young
my dear child try and make all the
progress you can the team is ^{living} waiting
in ask your Grandfather

Walter



Aberlin Ohio July 1st 1866

Mr Abraham Walter Esq
Kinderhook Mich

Dear father

Yours of the twenty second hult came to hand in due time, I was glad to hear from you, and especially to know that you enjoy the blessing of hlt

And with regard to your buy sanis, I will attend to that when the time comes, you will not mind John thair, it would onley be making him a bill of expence for nothing, Becaus if you could not settle with them, thair would have to be a leagle proses to bring them to settlement

and in that case John could not stay to wait for it, And if they settle fair you would not need him.

~~My~~ Father I do not know but what I shall surprise you some, if so it is with the best intention. Thair is a report that you are a going to be married, if so I thought I should like to attend the wedding. I mention this for this reason if thair is any thing in the report, you had better have your buy sanis well settled first, and if such should



be the case, you had better let me know it in time
and then I will fix your business - so that it may
save you both trouble and money.

I know this is a delicate matter, but
my advice is for the best, and it is that feeling
of love due to a father, which prompted me to
mention the matter, this you can keep to yourself and
let the matter go no further, but I hope you will
write immediately and give all the particulars.

You state that you would like to live in
Coldwater, if you could have the proper arrangements
made, if you can think of any way that you would
like to be situated let me know I am ready to help
you.

I had a letter from John the other day - he is well
I proposed to him to rent his farm and
you and live on yours, so as to let you live
with him, I would not be surprised if such an
arrangement could be made if that would suit
you. I thought I would mention it and see what
you thought of the matter. I have no further news
to write, so hoping that I shall hear from you in a
few days, I close

from your Son Wm. H. Walter



Aberlin Ohio

July 22^d 1866

W. A. Walter Senr.

Dear Father

Yours of the 5th came to hand
some days since, but I have been busy
and did not answer as soon as I should of
done. You say that Hutchens commenced cutting
the marsh, I would like to know how much they have
cut, and what they have done with it, you need
not give to any trouble to find out, only keep
track of it, so that I will know how to commence
you had better not say much about my coming
out to settle the matter, for they will be on the
look-out, I may be there by the middle of Aug.
and perhaps not till the last of the month, but
I think I can settle the matter with them, it
may be necessary to fasten them to bring them to
but I think that will be all, you may
occasionally so as to keep track of them



And if you see any thing that looks dubious
such as moving of the property, or preparing
to sow wheat let me know immediately,
but I think I will be there in time, and sum
the thing all up for them, and they may bet
their life, that they will get off better to settle
on the start, than they will to stand over
the matter, but if they wish to law it they can
be accommodated, I have not heard from
John since I last wrote to you. I am
well as usual, We are having a good deal
of rain here this season, But I do not know
any thing about the crop, for I have not been
out of town since I came here,

Give my love to all

Yours Son
Wm. Ketter



Deerincy May 6th 1867
Mr John Walter
Grand Rapids Mich

Dear Brother

Yours of the first inst. came to hand on the 3^d - Since that time I have received a letter from Bledy stating that the Mill would be ready according to contract - I wrote to him to see if he would not discount on the contract - providing we should pay the cash all down, he informs me that he will discount \$30⁰⁰ - I think this a nice thing, for in the first place I contracted, on cash in hand but on reflection they gave us six months time on $\frac{1}{2}$ at the same figures; Now they reduce it \$30 making \$85 from their figures at the time I first saw them.

Now what I wish to say is this - I think we had better Express the money on the 14th and pay it all up. & as you have a part of the money & the remainder is here - we must get it together I am acquainted with the Express agents here and would rather Express from this point; it is thair for my opinion that you had better send your money to me & I will forward the whol, I shall now require of you \$1,240, but you may as well say 1250 dollars as the Express charges will have to be payed; I cannot depend on the Esq for any of this but will see him this week and fuss him for you



I think I can depend on Bang after all to carry up the men but will have to let him put in his corn first - he will be ready to start about the 20th inst.

I think I shall come by rail and try to strike the Mill at Detroit - in that case we can get it on the ground by the time the hands arrive - If you send the money I will send it so that I will receive it about Saturday the 11th inst. I would send it by the Merchants Express

If you can think of any better plan you must submit it and I will act accordingly

I am sorry we lost the letter of which you spoke for it was in all probability from a Lawyer at Yonerville Ohio

I wrote to him immediately and also to Blundy stating the circumstance & requesting an answer immediately - but I think I will look up one here, which I can hold in reserve until I hear from Yonerville - I think I shall secure the hands for \$18 per month - I have not made any bargain with Charly White but am satisfied that he will not be out of the way

Yours Truly

Wm. Walter



Howells { Racch. Hallie (Fallette)
 { Anna (Wittin) - Sarah (Stoddard)

to the EDITOR

The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of this paper, the purpose of this column being more for the purpose of letting the readers express their views on subjects of interest to all.

Will you allow me space to tell of former times? I think such a letter will interest the older citizens of Fremont.

One hundred years ago Conrad Stoddard and Sarah Howell were married in West California, Mich. She was my mother's sister. Conrad was a very good worker - one of the best, but when drunk, which was not often, he seemed crazy, and after living together till the Civil War Sarah left him, taking her two boys with her. Some years afterward Conrad married again and had three children by his second wife. In the winter of 1879 - 80, while crazy with drink killed his wife, his three children and himself.

Sixty years ago a man named Jones (they called him Limpy Jones, for he was lame) lived in the east part of Fremont. He was married but had no children. He was a fair worker when sober, but was a habitual drunkard. He moved from Fremont to somewhere near Cadillac, Michigan, taking his wife with him. They lived in a cabin in the woods, some distance from town and from neighbors. One day in winter he came to town and got drunk and stayed drunk for two or three days. Someone recollected that he had a wife and asked about her. Jones replied that she was at home about to have a baby and he had come to town to get a doctor but had got drunk and forgotten her. They found her and her baby frozen solid. No food nor fuel in the house, and very little clothing or bedding. Jones was convicted of premeditated murder and given a life sentence.

In the northeast corner of the Fremont Cemetery is a monument with the name Bae Forbes on it. She had many friends in Fremont. Her husband, Frank Forbes, was brother-in-law to Lou Lytle. He was a smart man and owned considerable property, but drank occasionally and while drunk shot and killed his wife. You may read the date

1870 held a National Convention in Omaha and after a stormy session adopted this resolution: "No political party has a right to expect, nor should it receive, the votes of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the licenst policy and refuses to put itself on record as opposed to the liquor traffic."

And R. C. Cameron who ran a saloon in the guise of a drug store was immune from serious prosecution because he could influence and deliver 70 votes in the convention that named the Judge. At least so I was credibly informed. I stayed with the boys till we had convicted Cameron more than twelve times. Then I declared I was through, for he had to pay a fine of only \$25. and he boasted he could make that any day. He bought whisky for \$1.75 a gallon and retailed it by the drink at \$6. per gallon.

And Conrad Seipp of Chicago opened my eyes to the magnitude of the traffic. He had a thousand saloons to sell his beer, and 400 draft horses to haul delivery wagons. He grew rich and built a mansion on Michigan Avenue that I think was the finest dwelling I ever saw, but died only one week after moving into it, that the Scripture might be fulfilled - What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Seipp was declared to be one of the leading citizens of Chicago. Chicago is well halter-broke and I wonder where these leading citizens are leading her? I can remember when it was reported (about 1893) that over 500 murders were committed that year in Chicago, and only about a dozen criminals brought to serious trial.

Many years ago a friend of mine proposed going into the liquor business. I told him I thought it was a damned poor business. "I think it is a good business. There is money in it, and it has several interesting side lines," he retorted.

"You have a good farm, are out of debt and can make an honest living," I protested.

"Yes, by working myself to death," he replied.

So he went in for the easy money and in ten years had lost his health and mortgaged his farm. Just why he failed I do not know, but I think he got too much interested in the side lines.

But I fear I have made my letter too long. When I get into that old rut it is hard to get out. Success to you, and farewell.

Enos Walter.



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